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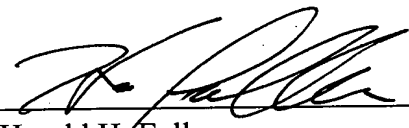
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REMARKS

The Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance provided in the March 17, 2004 Office Action states with respect to claim 23, among other things, "a front undercut portion having a longitudinal dimensional smaller than that of the side members." Applicant notes that claim 23 has been amended as follows: "a front undercut portion having a longitudinal dimensional smaller than that of the inboard contact surfaces ~~side members~~."

Such amendment does not alter patentability, and the amendment merely improves the clarity of the claim without narrowing its scope.

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